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In response to the Official Action dated July 28, 2004, reconsideration of the obviousness rejection over U.S. Patent No. 6,327,570 to Stevens in view of Japanese Patent No. 6-52343 to Asai is respectfully requested.

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